IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
APPELLATE SIDE

CRIMINAL APPLICATION NO.3691 OF 2004

Abdul Hannan Abdul Sattar Siddiqui ... Applicant

V/s.

The State of Maharashtra & Anr. ... Respondents

Mr.M.H. Khan for Applicant
Mr.D.R. More, APP, for Respondents

CORAM: **A.M. KHANWILKAR, J.**

DATED: **SEPTEMBER 7, 2004**

P.C.:

. Heard Counsel for the parties. I find no reason to take a different view than the one already taken by the Sessions Court while rejecting the bail application preferred by the applicant. There is substance in the argument canvassed by the learned Assistant Public Prosecutor that there are serious injuries on the complainant and which has been corroborated by the injury certificate issued by the Medical Officer. Besides, the weapon has also been recovered from the applicant. Taking the totality of circumstances into account, it is not possible to take a view that the allegation against the applicant is groundless. Besides, the Court below has also accepted the submission on behalf of the respondents stating there is possibility of the applicant absconding after being

released on bail having regard to the fact situation of the present case. Further, the complainant happens to be related to the applicant and there is no reason at this stage to doubt the veracity of this statement.

2. I see no reason to differ from the opinion expressed by the Sessions Court. Even while rejecting this bail application, I would think it appropriate to direct the trial Court to expedite the trial of the case. Accordingly, the trial be treated as High Court expedited case.

3. Application is rejected with the above observations.